

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 23 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 10 are independent.

Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1 to 10, 15, 16 and 18 are allowable, and for the indication that claims 14 and 21 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 11 to 13, 17, 19 and 20 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 for alleged indefiniteness. As shown above, Applicants have amended these claims to attend to the issues raised on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Although claims 11 to 13, 17, 19 and 20 were not specifically indicated as containing allowable subject matter, each of these claims depends, ultimately, on an allowable base claim. Accordingly, claims 11 to 13, 17, 19 and 20 are also believed to be allowable.

Applicants have also amended the remaining claims, as shown above, to attend to some perceived informalities and to put the claims in better form for allowance. The claims, as amended, are still believed to be allowable, since they still contain, perhaps even more clearly, the allowable subject matter noted on page 3 of the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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